





## Chapman Conference on Vertical Crustal Motion: Measurement and Modeling

A Chapman Conference on Vertical Crustal Motion: Measurement and Modeling will be held October 22-26, 1984, in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia.

Convenor: William E. Strange

This conference will bring together scientists who measure vertical crustal motions and those who analyze and model these motions with the primary objective of obtaining close interaction between the two groups. Emphasis will be on vertical crustal motion in North America. Questions to be addressed will be (1) what are the accuracies and error sources associated with each data type? (2) What is the extent of the current data base? (3) How accurately do we know vertical crustal motions in North America? (4) What are realistic expectations of contributions from space systems and other new technologies in the next decade? (5) What is the current status of modeling vertical crustal motions? (6) How important is vertical motion information to understanding and modeling earth dynamics? (7) What are the measurement requirements to support modeling and analysis in terms of temporal and spatial density and accuracy? (8) What are the most critical deficiencies of vertical motion data relative to modeling and analysis?

There will be invited and contributed presentations. The Call for Papers was published in the March 20, 1984, issue of Eos. Abstract deadline is August 1, 1984. Abstracts should be submitted to the American Geophysical Union.

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displayed the analog waveforms on the raster scan graphic display screen and the video screen.

#### The Actual Experiment

The RST installation in the U.S. restaurant was successful and took only 30 min. The actual experiments in three steps were preceded by a brief talk on why and how. Also, the video screen proved very useful for large audience display of technical operations.

Step 1. RST to RST communication. Automatic dialing and log in on a PDP11/44 running UNIX in Washington, D.C., over the ordinary telephone network using Bell 212 modems. Transfer of waveform data (level II data) and bulletins (level I data) from Washington to Geneva. In Geneva, we immediately

displayed the analog waveforms on the raster scan graphic display screen and the video screen.

Step 2. RST to RST communication. This involved dialing and log in on a PDP11/34 at NORSA. Kjeller, Norway. From the PDP11/34, we extracted real-time information on the status of the seismic network in southern Norway, including the detection log, which in turn was used to select a few, presumed particular events for display and analysis on the mentioned screens. Also, waveform data from the NORSA library were extracted and displayed.

Step 3. This involved calling the Norwegian "sister" RST in Trondheim. After establishing the modem link, we were able to demonstrate the RST functions described in the

previous section. To generate some events, we started sampling with a rather low threshold and, behold, E. Thoresen's wife slammed a door at the appropriate moment creating the most spectacular event. This was immediately transferred to the RST in Geneva, and 10 s afterward it was displayed on the video screen.

#### Ad Hoc Demonstration

After the above experiments had been completed, a delegate from Australia asked us whether we could log in on his computer in Canberra. Given the telephone number and password, we could, on the first try, extract local bulletin files, etc. Further, the delegate drafted a message for his colleagues for proof of connection, which in turn was transferred to the Canberra computer. This ad hoc demonstration proved rather convincing of the feasibility of global data exchange.

An important aspect of the above experiments conducted from the U.N. building was that the RST hardware has a price tag of about \$6000, while the Norstar microcomputer itself costs about \$3000.

#### Future Prospects

The next step is to improve both RST and RST, particularly adding a more powerful CPU, an array processor for FFT matrix inversion, etc., and a few megabyte of memory to the RST. This will permit extensive data operations in the field and also allow distributed processing in the nodes of our network.

Additional field functions might include more filtering options, beam forming, spectral analysis, and rough event locations. The RST would then be able to generate automatic bulletins (level I data) and higher quality level II data. The net result will be less communication and thus more cost effective operations.

The RST development will be directed toward the expert-system concept. This means that an RST should administer several RST's and retrieve event data relevant for traditional analysis work and research. It should also have the option to retrieve bulletin files and level I data from foreign data centers, information that would be very helpful in local bulletin work. With such a data base limited at above, combined with advanced analysis routines, interactive analysis, and wave parameter extraction should function expertly. Most important, individual seismologists, particularly those with a knack for microprocessor technology, should be able to participate actively in these developments, even from their studies at home.

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## Anne Burford to NACOA

Anne Burford, who resigned as administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in March 1983, has been appointed chairman of the National Advisory Committee on Oceans and Atmosphere (NACOA). Seven others have been appointed to the 18-member committee, which advises the president on ocean and atmosphere policy.

Burford succeeds John A. Knauss as NACOA chairman. Knauss, whose term of office on NACOA officially expired on July 1, had been on the committee for 6 years. Burford resigned from EPA following controversy over hazardous wastes.

In his proposed budget for fiscal 1985, as in recent years, President Ronald Reagan eliminated NACOA. In previous years, Congress has reinstated the committee. Bills (S. 1098 and S. 2538) to reinstate NACOA for fiscal 1985, which begins October 1, have been introduced and have been hotly debated in Congress. A conference between members of the House of Representatives and the Senate to discuss NACOA's future—including reconstituting the committee in a different form—will be held probably between July 23 and August 10.

Also appointed to NACOA are John E. Bennett, a retired Navy captain from Solana Beach, Calif. His term expires in 2 years. William Brewster, vice president and director of the Atlantic Salmon Foundation and chairman of the executive committee of the International Atlantic Salmon Foundation, will serve until July 1985. Lee Gerhardt, Getty Professor of Geology at the Colorado School of Mines, has been appointed until July 1986. Judith Kildow, appointed through July 1986, is an associate professor of ocean policy at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Mary Ellen McCaffrey, appointed through July 1986, is former administrative assistant to Sen. Slade Gorton of Washington and former director of the department of budget and program development for King County, Wash. Nathan Sonenshein, whose term ex-

pires in 1986, is assistant to the president of Global Marine Development, Inc., of Newport Beach, Calif. Gordon Snow, appointed through 1985, is assistant secretary for resources of the California Resources Agency in Sacramento, Calif.

The next NACOA meeting is August 2 and 3 in Washington, D.C. NACOA meets eight times per year. Steven N. Anastasio is the executive director. —HTH



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## Water in Cirrus Clouds

Meteorologists from the University of Utah have discovered water droplets as small as  $-36^{\circ}\text{C}$  at the base of cirrus clouds, the coldest temperatures at which liquid water has been confirmed in clouds. Because earlier models of radiation transfer in the atmosphere had assumed that the clouds at cirrus layer altitudes (8,000-12,000 m) were composed only of ice crystals, the presence of liquid water may affect how these clouds are constructed.

A team led by Kenneth Sassen of Utah's Department of Meteorology used ground-based polarization laser radar (lidar) to detect the water droplets in a cirrus cloud layer approximately 4.2 km above Boulder, Colo., last October. By analyzing the polarization of laser light reflected from cloud particles, the lidar system can identify whether the cloud contains water or ice crystals and can provide information on the type and distribution of ice crystals within the cloud.

The lidar results were supported by data from an instrumented aircraft of the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) in Boulder, which flew through the 1.9-km-thick cirrus cloud near its base, measuring the sizes and concentrations of crystals and droplets. The combined lidar and aircraft data showed that liquid water droplets occurred in a narrow layer at the bottom of the cloud, with a density of up to 130 drops per cubic centimeter and temperatures as low as  $-53^{\circ}$  to  $-36^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Within 100 yards above the base of the cloud, the water appeared to freeze rapidly into ice crystals.

The supercooled liquid droplets, according to Sassen, probably are short-lived, lasting "only a matter of minutes" before freezing. At temperatures below  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$ , he said, water is believed to freeze spontaneously. These droplets, however, take some time before they turn to ice. A possible explanation is that there is a relative scarcity of dust particles and other condensation nuclei at the high cirrus altitudes, so that it takes longer for the ice crystals to form than it does at lower altitudes.

Cirrus clouds have been shown to play a part in the transfer of solar and terrestrial radiation through the atmosphere, and this radiation budget in turn has a great effect on global climate and the atmospheric greenhouse effect. Climate models have assumed up until now that cirrus clouds were made entirely of ice crystals and have used approxi-

mations of the hexagonal shape of these crystals in their computer models to predict how radiation will be scattered. Water droplets are spherical, though, and they scatter radiation differently than hexagonal crystals. If the water layer is a permanent feature at the base of cirrus clouds, even if the layer is only 100 m thick, it would mean a change in the radiation transfer models. The next step, according to Sassen, is to continue lidar investigations of other cirrus clouds to see if this water layer occurs elsewhere and if the base of the clouds remains watery over a long period of time.

## Congressional Capsule

Several geophysics-related bills were passed as the House of Representatives and the Senate each scrambled to complete as much business as possible before the recess for the Independence Day holiday and the Democratic National Convention. The House and Senate will reconvene July 23.

The Senate ratified the compromise version of the Local Remote-Sensing Commercialization Act (H.R. 3131) [Eos, July 3, 1984, p. 455] in the final hours before recessing. The bill was expected to be sent to President Ronald Reagan for his signature as Eos went to press.

In addition, the House passed H.J. Res. 555, which designates July 20, 1984, as Space Exploration Day, in commemoration of the 15th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing. The House also passed S.J. Res. 287, which redesignates the year that began July 1, 1984, as the Year of the Ocean [Eos, June 19, 1984, p. 402]. The Senate had passed the measure on June 8.

The House approved a version of H.R. 3282 reauthorizing and amending the Clean Water Act. Although the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee reported out the Senate version of the bill 9 months ago, the entire Senate has not voted on the bill.

The House passed the Water Resources Authorization (H.R. 3678) by a 230 to 133 margin on June 23. There is no companion bill in the Senate. The bill details steps for the "conservation and development of water and related resources and the improvement and rehabilitation of the nation's water resources infrastructure." Much of the bill deals with regulating beach erosion, floods, drinking water supplies, and channel navigation, construction, and engineering by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. —BTR

## BOSP Solicits Community Input

To fulfill its role in serving the ocean sciences community and the federal agencies that fund ocean activities, the Board of Ocean Science and Policy (BOSP) of the National Research Council is calling for community input to a report on future trends and new opportunities in ocean science and policy through the year 2000.

BOSP is seeking information on the needs and opportunities in the field as broadly defined as ranging from augmentation of existing activities to new facilities to new ideas. In its first stage, the study will consist of a series of reports focused on 10 areas (see list below). The second stage will focus on themes that link the defined disciplines. Ideas and suggestions about linking themes also are welcomed for the BOSP report.

The areas of study and the scientists assembling information on them are listed below:

- Oceans 2000: Brian J. Rullstich [University of Maryland, Stomatology and John H. Steele [Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution]
- Physics: D. James Baker, Jr. [Joint Oceanographic Institutions, Inc.]
- Geology and geophysics: Charles L. Drake [Dartmouth College]
- Waste disposal: Edward Goldberg [Scripps Institution of Oceanography]
- Minerals: G. Ross Heath [Oregon State University]
- Policy science and law: Judith T. Kildow [Massachusetts Institute of Technology]
- Biology: James J. McCarthy [Harvard University]
- Weather and climate: Roger Revelle [University of California, San Diego]
- Chemistry: Karl K. Turekian [Yale University]
- Economics and business: Robert M. Sollow [MIT]

These reports, being prepared now, will be discussed at a meeting of BOSP in August. Before then, relevant information should be sent to the appropriate person or to Nancy

## TRAVEL GRANTS TO IASPEI REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HYDERABAD, INDIA

Deadline for Applications August 31, 1984

AGU has applied for grant funds to assist the travel of individual U.S. scientists to the IASPEI Regional Assembly to be held in Hyderabad, India, October 31-November 7, 1984. In anticipation of receipt of this funding, application forms for individual grants are available from:

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## Geophysicists

Bruce A. Bolt, professor of seismology and director of the seismograph stations at the University of California, Berkeley, assumed the chairmanship last month of the California Seismic Safety Commission. Established by the state legislature in 1973 after the 1971 San Fernando earthquake, the commission advises the governor, state legislature, and local governments on all aspects of California seismic safety policy.

Yves Deshayes, currently associate scientist at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, is joining the Centre Océanologique de Brest, France. He will be in charge of the Ocean Acoustic Tomography program for the Centre National pour l'Exploration des Océans (CNEO).

## Books

### Proceedings of the Seventh Symposium on Antarctic Meteorites

I. Nagata (ed.), *Mem. of Nat. Inst. of Polar Res.*, vol. 25, National Institute of Polar Research, Tokyo, 1984, 348 pp., 1982.

Reviewed by Martin Prinz

Since the Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition (JARE) at the National Institute of Polar Research (NIPR) in Tokyo began finding abundant meteorites in 1969, they have established a highly impressive record of developing the science of meteorites in Japan on a broad international scale. As a part of this effort they have held annual symposia in Tokyo, involving mainly Japanese scientists, some already well established in other areas, and an impressive array of younger ones. Some scientists from the United States and other countries also attend. The seventh symposium was held on February 19 and 20, 1982, at the NIPR.

Before reviewing the proceedings volume, a few words should be said about the meteorite milieu in which the conference is set. From a country involved only in a minor way with meteorite research 15 years ago, Japan has emerged as a major force on the scene, bringing forth new investigators as well as a stream of new meteorites. Much of this accomplishment is due to Takeshi Nagata, director of the NIPR, organizer of the symposia and editor of the volumes. He is helped by an able staff, both scientific and editorial, in producing the volumes, each of which increases in quality, breadth, and size as the years proceed.

At the seventh symposium, 47 papers were presented, and the proceedings volume contains 25 papers that may be classified into four groups: two on classification, eight on mineralogy and petrology, four on trace elements and isotopic geochemistry, and four on physical properties.

Miura and Matsumoto classified six new Antarctic chondrites and were concerned with determining those that were paired. Mason and Clarke characterized and classified 100 new meteorite specimens. They also carry out this valuable work for the U.S. Antarctic program.

Ikeda studied a C3 chondrite containing various chondritic components, whereas Nagahara and Kushiro studied similar components in a C3 chondrite. Clarke and Mason described a new mesosiderite with some unusual aspects, and Nagahara studied FeNi metal in four different provenances in type 3 ordinary chondrites to determine their cooling rates and implications for the parent body history. Takeda and Yanai examined Yamato 1979 chondrites, including eight polymictic eucrites, a howardite, and a ureilite.

Polymictic eucrites help in understanding the nature of the basaltic parent body, which is surely more complex than envisioned before the new Antarctic meteorites were found. The ureilite parent body is also more complex than earlier believed, is evidenced by the Antarctic ureilite described which contains a three pyroxene assemblage (two pyroxenes and an augite).

Merrillite in ordinary chondrites was examined by Miura and Matsumoto and found to differ somewhat from human mercurite. Akai studied five types of phyllosilicates in the matrix of a carbonaceous chondrite and suggested that it contains a new 1:1 mineral with an interstratified structure of sepioidite and brucite-like layers.

Shimizu and Masuda found Ce anomalies and Yb-Lu depletions in the REE of Antarctic eucrites, but not in the non-Antarctic ones. These deviations were not found in other Antarctic meteorites, and they discuss the implications for pre- and post-accretion processes producing these effects. Takaoka studied the noble gases and isotopic compositions of He, Ne, and Ar in Yamato chondrites, and Yagi and coworkers studied Muong Nong tektites.

Isotopically, Nishimura and Okamoto found excess  $^{24}\text{Mg}$  in a Yamato L3 chondrite, using an ion microprobe mass analyzer. Konura and coworkers concentrated on  $^{20}\text{Al}$  in Yamato meteorites, for which data of this type are scarce. They also note that Antarctic meteorites are highly contaminated with  $^{137}\text{Cs}$  derived from nuclear test explosions.

McFadden and coworkers made spectral reflectance measurements on three Antarctic eucrites and observed measurable differences when all diagnostic spectra were compared. They found bands due to spin-forbidden transitions of  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  ions in pyroxenes from the first time. Fujimura and coworkers linked for prearranged orientation of phyllosilicates in two Yamato C3 chondrites to relate to degree of deformation.

Nagata studied 15 iron meteorites and magnetically classified them into three groups. Nagata and Funaki were particularly concerned with reintermetallic iron stony meteorites and note that owing to its presence the NRM contains a highly stable component with large magnetic and optical anisotropy. They also studied the possible effects of mechanical stresses upon the magnetic properties of stony meteorites, the piezomagnetic magnetization (PRM).

Sugita and Strangway studied the magnetic properties of type 3 and 4 ordinary and enstatite chondrites and found complex results with regard to the intensities of the magnetic field at different temperatures and discuss whether these are pre- or post-accretionary events. Hamano and Yoniguchi studied magnetic susceptibility anisotropy and porosity in ordinary chondrites and found that

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## News

### Venus Mapper Resolution

NASA program managers for the Venus Radar Mapper (VRM) mission have decided to make improvements to the spacecraft's Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) system that will increase its mapping resolution by one and a half times over the original design. The changes, including a doubling of the system's range bandwidth, will add a total of about \$5 million to a project budgeted at \$350 million. VRM is scheduled for launch toward Venus in April 1988 and will map more than 80% of the cloud-covered planet's surface during its 4-month mission.

The decision by the VRM program office at NASA headquarters in Washington was based on recommendations from the mission's project office at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. When VRM was included as a new start in this year's NASA budget, the stated goals for the mission were to provide a near-global map of Venus at resolutions better than 1 km, or roughly equivalent to the resolution of the Mariner 9 mission that first revealed the geological richness of the Martian surface. The original radar resolution was to have been about 180 m (equivalent to an optical line-pair resolution of 300 m at double the resolution of the surface of the planet). VRM will travel an elliptical orbit and so will only be able to map the surface for a fraction of each day. The highest resolutions will come in the equatorial regions when the spacecraft is closest to perihelion and the radar "look angles" are the greatest.

Now, with the improvements to the SAR system, the resolution will range from 120 m (again for more than half the surface) to about 190 m in the higher Venus latitudes. This is nearly an order of magnitude better than what the Soviets have obtained with their Venera 15 and 16 orbiters now ending their mapping missions around Venus. Those spacecraft are mapping between 25 and 39% of the planet, primarily around the north polar region, at resolutions ranging between 1 and 2 km. While the Venus images have

proven very interesting to the few American scientists who have had access to them (the Soviets still have not released the pictures publicly), VRM promises much sharper images and more complete coverage.

It was the Venus results, in fact, that provided the impetus to make the improvements to VRM's radar system. "When our (VRM team) scientists looked at the Soviet images and began seeing all the interesting topography, they began to see how much more detail they wanted," says VRM Program Manager Rodney Mills. "We decided we wanted to squeeze out as much resolution as we possibly could." Gordon Penegill of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the radar instrument's Principal Investigator, says that at resolutions close to 100 m, scientists should be able to detect all the processes that might shape the Venusian surface with the exception of wind erosion. The clarity of the VRM images will be particularly helpful in dating the relative ages of overlapping lava flows on the surface.

According to Mills, the improvements to the radar system will affect range resolution, but won't significantly affect the azimuth resolution of the images. The SAR instrument, built by Hughes Aircraft, is the only science instrument in the VRM spacecraft, which is being built by Martin Marietta. The radar is similar to the ones that have been flown successfully on the Seasat mission and the Shuttle Imaging Radar-A (SIR-A) experiment that flew aboard *Columbia* during the second flight of the space shuttle. It operates on the principle that changes in Doppler shift of a reflected signal can be combined with range data to construct two-dimensional images of a planet's surface that resemble photographs. Because Venus is perpetually enshrouded by clouds, radar is the only means to image its surface.

Venus Radar Mapper will also soon have a new name. NASA officials have been whittling away at a list of candidate names that include some historical figures (along the line of Galileo and Giotto) and some more traditional spacecraft names (along the line of Voyager and Pioneer). VRM is expected to shed its acronym and be "re-christened" sometime before the end of July. —JFR







